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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/286,160

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For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD  
FOR PROVIDING VERY  
LARGE VIRTUAL STORAGE  
VOLUMES USING  
REDUNDANT ARRAYS OF  
DISKS**

Art Unit: 2187

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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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**AMENDMENT and RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

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**A. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action mailed March 11, 2003, please reconsider the above-identified patent application in view of the amendments and remarks presented hereinafter.